

RemarksSpecification:

The specification was objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. Particularly "computer program code" does not have proper antecedent basis in claims 12-17. In response, these claims have been cancelled.

Claims:

Regarding claim 1:

Claim 7 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 1 was amended to include all those limitations originally found in claim 7. Therefore, claim 1 is in proper condition for allowance.

Regarding claim 18:

Claim 10 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, claim 18 was amended to include all limitations originally found in claim 10 (in apparatus form). Because of this, claim 18 is in proper condition for allowance.

Regarding newly added claim 26:

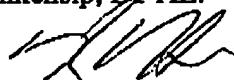
Claim 10 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, newly added claim 26 contains all limitations originally found in claim 10. Because of this, newly added claim 26 is in proper condition for allowance.

Regarding all other claims:

Because all claims now depend from allowable base claims, all remaining claims are in proper condition for allowance.

No amendment made was related to the statutory requirements of patentability unless expressly stated herein; and no amendment made was for the purpose of narrowing the scope of any claim, unless Applicant has argued herein that such amendment was made to distinguish over a particular reference or combination of references. As the Applicant has overcome all substantive rejections given by the Examiner the Applicant contends that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's rejections to the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter. Finally, please charge any fees (including extension of time fees) or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502117.

Respectfully Submitted,
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